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AND SLC26A9 ANION EXCHANGERS  
Our Ref. No. 1242/50/3 PCT/US

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1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
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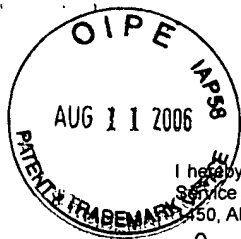
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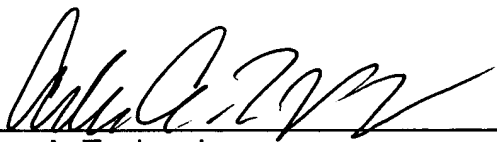
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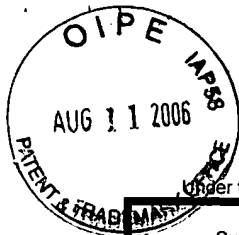
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